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PRINTED MATTER, IMAGE FORMING	)	
DEVICE, IMAGE FORMING METHOD,	)	
AND IMAGE FORMING PROGRAM, AS	)	
WELL AS COMPUTER READABLE	)	
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH	)	
THE PROGRAM IS RECORDED	)	

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Japanese references 2002-209039, 2001-024845, and 10-334215 are cited in the specification.

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